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Khamsinic conditions will prevail -- it will be hot and dusty with high clouds. In Aqaba winds will

Overnight

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 27, Aqaba 35, Sunset tonight: 6:20 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 4:45 a.m.

# French firm wins Arabsat contract; 1983 launch sought

By Dina Matar Special to the Jordan Times

Work is to start late this violent long a pan-Arab communications satite project now that a French firm has been variety varded the contract, Minister of Comand of the milital months aben says.

Products is expected to be remones and operational by late 1983, and operational of the spirit of the all and the Sales are the Arab Sales off real assembly of the Arab Satral assembly of the Orgminn in ction (Arabsat).

From projection (Araosas). nittee to conclude by May 20 ontract with the French firm spatiale, one of five comg companies. The project is acted to cost \$200 million to OU Million.

Zaben said Aerospatiale chosen because it was inttionally famous and offered owest rates for the satellite's truction. It is hoped that the lite will be launched within 30 ths of signing the contracts.

. Ali Mashat, Arabsat's secy general, added that memda of understanding have signed with the European e Agency (ESA) and with the National Aeronautics and

e Administration (NASA) ne use of the launching pads of European Ariane rocket or



bsat planners have yet to decwhether this European Ariane et or the U.S. space shuttle launch its satellites into orbit.

the American space shuttle to put Arabsat's two satellites into orbit. It has not been decided whether one or both of these organisations will handle the launching.

Arabsat's capital was doubled to \$200 million from \$100 million to \$200 million during the meetings here when a number of Arab countries bought 496 shares in Arabsat. The other shares-each valued at \$100,000-will be sold in a period of three months.

"The capital was raised to meet the increasing demands and cost of the project," Dr. Zaben said.

A new board of Arabsat directors was set up during the meetings, with five permanent representatives from Saudi Arabia, Libya, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, and Iraq, and four rotating members from Jordan, Tunisia, Palestine and Sudan.

Jordan this year doubled its share in the project's capitalisation to 6.6 per cent. Also, Iraq took Lebanon's place as a permanent Arabsat board member because it now holds more

Dr. Zaben also said the general assembly reviewed the 1980 balance sheet and approved the 1981

The Arabsat programme involves two communications satellites, one as a standby for the other, orbiting 36,000 kilometres above the equator and serving 21 Arab countries.

The ground control station will be in Saudi Arabia, but the location of a secondary control station somewhere in the Arab World is yet to be decided. Each Arab country also und stations.

A third satellite will be stored under special conditions for emergency cases, Dr. Mashat said.

The satellites are to have a seven-year life span. Each will provide 8,000 telephone circuits, seven international ones, and one community television broadcast channel.

"This is a major step, and it is the first one on the road to Arab unity and understanding," Dr. Zaben said.

# Iraqi urges summit

o fight Israeli canal By Ahmad Isam Odeh pecial to the Jordan Times

MAN, May 3 - An Iraqi leatoday called on the leaders of Arab Nation to convene a mit conference to decide how infront and foil the Israeli proto open a canal linking the iterranean with the Dead Sea. r. Taher Tawfiq, the Iraqi ster of industry and minerals, the Jordan Times that Arab ers "should take a serious and ig stand in confronting a prowhich would change the area raphically, politically and mil-He was in Amman to attthe Arab conference on minresources here.

AAN, May 3 (J.T.) — Jordan make a high-level diplomatic tive on the Arab and inttional levels in the next few to combat the Zionist plan to a canal linking the Medanean with the Dead Sea, acc-

ng to diplomatic sources. re aim of the initiative is to in the military and economic nsions of the canal plan, the es said, and also to point out langer of this Zionist step to \rab Nation.

r. Tawfig explained that this Zionist thrust "would lead to us consequences affecting the e Arab Nation."

he project poses economic, ary and technological threats which the enemy aims at greharming and creating a deep rupture in the body and entity of our Arab Nation," the Iraqi minister said.

Mr. Tawfiq added that the harm would not be done to Jordanian projects only but to Arab and joint Arab projects as well."

Mr. Tawfiq disclosed that the principal basic objective of opening the canal is "to exploit the canal's waters in cooling the five atomic reactors which Israel intends to establish in the project's area as well as to settle millions of new immigrants in the Naqab area." This, he said, poses a "threat to the security and safety of the Arab states and the whole area."

Mr. Tawfiq recalled that Israel had refused to sign the nuclear nonproliferation treaty which the Arab states signed. He denied that the Arabs have nuclear weapons.

Asked about the financing of the project, Mr. Tawfiq said: "Our reaction should not be violent only but ferocious as well, because this is one of our most elementary rights.'

Mr. Tawfiq said that the United States government should be held responsible for the actions of the companies and corporations operating in its territory as far as the financing of the project is con-

"If this situation continues, the United States should pay a costly price and should be made to pay it quickly," Mr. Tawfiq said.

He added that the Arabs "should use all weapons, including oil. to foil this project and all the projects which harm in Arab Nation."

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28 years ago... every inch a King

It was a very different Jordan that saw His Majesty Fing Hussein assume his constitutional powers back on May 2, 1953 (He was proclaimed Ying the preceding Aug. 11.) Standing with the young Ying that May Day were Sir John Bagot Glubb (Glubb Pasha), commander of the Arab Legion (saluting at right) and then Prime Minister Dr. Fawzi Al Mulqi (in foreground at left, in formal dress). The

present Prime Minister, Mr. Mudar Badran, on Sunday sent a cable of good wishes to Ying Hussein on the 28th anniversary of the occasion. The Ying also received cables of good wishes from Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Bahjat Talbouni and from heads of municipal and village councils around the country.

# Pan-Arab 'think tank' gets its charter, 4 target areas

By Rami. G. Yhouri Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 3 - Top economists and development planners from throughout the Arab World met here yesterday and launched what they anticipate will become a high-powered, ind-ependent research institution to address pan-Arab developmental and strategic issues.

In two lengthy sessions at the Sheraton Palace Hotel, 17 of the 25 trustees of the Arab Thought Forum approved the charter of the new institution and set in motion its working procedures.

The Arab Thought Forum ("Muntada Al Fikr Al Arabi") was first discussed in a two-day gathering in Aqaba in early March, attended by 40 of the Arab World's most prominent officials in the fields of economic and social development. During the past six weeks the board of trustees was chosen, with His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan as its first

president. Yesterday's meeting appointed Dr. Khalil Salem the acting secretary general of the Arab Thought Forum, pending the selection of a permanent secretary general during the next meeting of the full board, scheduled for October-

November in Bahrain. Dr. Salem, a former Jordanian finance minister and Central Bank governor, is president of the Arab Finance (Jordan) and a member of the National Consultative Cou-

Three vice-presidents were named (Mr. Ghazi Gusaibi of Saudi Arabia, Ali Atiqa of Libya and Abdul Latif Hamad of Kuwait), and a six-man management committee was appointed to work on the initial development of the institution's working programme. The six are Farouk Akhdar, Ahmad Du'eij, Burhan Dajani, Khalil Salem, Jawad Anani and

Mohammad Sa'id Nabulsi, The Arab Thought Forum is envisioned as a broad-based research institution working along the lines of major think tanks in the Western world, to address issues of pan-Arab concern that are often overlooked in the stateby-state endeavours of individual Arab countries.

The meetings here yesterday, presided over by Crown Prince Hassan, were attended by such prominent Arab economists as Youssef Sayegh, Burhan Dajani, Youssef Shirawi, Mohammad Imadi, Shafiq Akhras, Jawad Hashim, Sa'id Ghoobash, Labib Shuqair, Elias Saba, Farouk Akhdar, Ahmad Du'eij, Mohammad Imam, Abd Al Aal Al Saqban and the Jordanian team of Dr. Mohammad Sa'id Nabulsi, Dr. Khalil

Salem and Dr. Jawad Anani. The participants agreed on four broad areas of concern for the Arab Thought Forum: Arab and Islamic collective self-reliance and the outlook for Arab development in the year 2000; the Arab perspective on the North-South Dialogue and the South-South Dialogue; development in the occupied Arab territories and Israel's economic threat to the Arab

World; and general Arab eco-

A priority field of work for new institution was agreed to be an Arab position paper on the Brandt Commission report issued last year, dealing with global developmental issues in the coming decades. The Arab Thought Forum, to be headquartered in Jordan, is expected to carry on its work by commissioning individual studies from top thinkers in the Arab World, holding seminars and, conferences, publishing research studies and generally bringing to bear the best Arab minds on such issues as labour movements in the Arab World, food security, investment policies and trade promotion

A key to the development and credibility of the Arab Thought eptivity" of officials to ind-Forum is its independent status as a private, non-governmental institution whose critiques, opinions and proposals may sometimes run against the grain of official thi-

While some participants at yesterday's meetings suggested that the forum should start off by addressing issues of little political sensitivity, the predominant view was that it could only make a valid and fresh contribution to pan-Arab development if it had the intellectual and financial independence to offer, in the words of one board member, "forceful and free ideas that represent the thought of the Arab World's best thinkers based on what they see as the full interests of the Arab peobe synchronised with official Arab positions, such as the decisions of summits, the members agreed, the institution would contribute nothing new to the masses of documents already available in the Arab World in the fields of economic development and integration. Another board member suggested that the forum's work would include "brainstorming sessions" treating such basic issues as the participation of the Arab individual in decision-making and relations between government leaders and Arab citizens.

Another topic that was discussed was how the forum's work would actually reach Arab decision-makers, and the "recependent proposals. In the next four months, the

six-man management committee will produce a brief "synthesis" of the forum's priority areas of conern and suggested operating methods, in the wake of which a detailed budget could be estimated for the next several years.

The management committee and the board of trustees will then put together a four-year working programme, after which efforts will commence to raise a permanent financial endowment fund whose annual interest payments would provide the working capital for the Arab Thought Forum. An endowment of between \$10 million and \$20 million is envisaged, providing \$1 million to \$2 million a year for an operating budget.

# Qadhafi's seeking empire in Africa, Numeiri charges

KHATROUM, May 3 (A.P.) -Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri has accused Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi of seeking Soviet help to infiltrate Sudan and carry out sabotage acts in neighbouring countries in a bid to control Africa and establish a Libyan empire.

"But we will cut Qadhafi's leg if it is stretched one inch into our territories," President Numeiri said yesterday in a nationally televised speech celebrating May Day at the Sudanese Socialist Union, the country's only authorised political party.

"We are carefully monitoring attempted endeavours by Sovietbacked Libva aimed at sabotage our internal affairs," Mr. Numeiri

He said Col. Qadhafi is trying to enlist Sudanese citizens in the so-called National Salvation Army which is being financed and organised by Libya. Mr. Numeiri meanwhile lashed

out at Col. Qadhafi for his intervention in Chad, Sudan's western neighbour.

He said Col. Qadhafi has received instructions from the Kremlin to "practice more oppression



and more atrocity on an African Muslim people. It is with the people of sister Chad that Qadhafi uses their corpses as a bridge to his ambitions in controlling neighbouring African countries."

To underline what he called the contradiction in Col. Qadhafi's policies, Mr. Numeiri said the Libyan leader is "working for sep-arating the Kurds from their motherland in Iraq, Syria and Iran at a time he is claiming to be an advocator of unity."

Turning to domestic issues, Mr. Numeiri said he would purge incompetent officials and undertake reforms in different ministries of his government.

### Khaddam due in Beirut today

Price: Jordan 100 fils; Syria I pound; Lebanon I pound; Saudi Arabia 1.50 riyals; UAE 1.50 dirhams; Great Britain 25 pence

# Uneasy calm in Lebanon; Syria prepares its case

troops and Lebanese rightist for- for ending the latest crisis. ces observed an uneasy truce

BEIRUT, May 3 (R) — Syrian today as Syria drew up proposals

Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam was expected to return to Lebanon tomorrow amid mounting international pressure to reach some form of agreement with Lebanon's right-wing forces.

y the Jordan Press Foundation

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Troops from the predominantly Syrian Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) battled Falangist Party militiamen in Beirut, Lebanon's central highlands and the eastern city of Zahle for much of last

Israel intervened by shooting down two Syrian helicopters in eastern Lebanon last week, ruising fears that the conflict could spr-

Security sources said there have been no major clashes between the ADF and the Falangists since the current ceasefire took effect five days ago, but the potential for a new flare-up remains. Kuwait and Saudi Arabia have

partly suspended their financial contributions to the ADF, Kuwait's foreign minister said in a statement published today.

Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah told Kuwaiti newspaper editors that the two states were holding back 40 per cent of the payments because the ADF command had not provided the necessary three-monthly reports on its activities.

Political sources said Kuwait had been pressing for the reports for several months. Kuwait and Saudi Arabia are

the two biggest contributors to the costs of the 30,000-man ADF, which was set up by the Arab League in 1976 with a budget of \$90 million every six months. Kuwait pays 20 per cent, Saudi

Arabia 20 per cent, the United Arab Emirates 15 per cent and Qatar 10 per cent, with the remaining 35 per cent coming from other Arab League members. Israeli Prime Minister M

schem Begin said today that diplomatic efforts had failed to resolve the crisis so far and that Syria's stationing of missiles in Lehanon was "very grave."

He spoke to Israel Radio during a break in day-long talks with his cabinet ministers on the situation in Lebanon.

Mr. Begin met opposition Labour Party leader Shimon Peres to inform him of developments in the Lebanon crisis.

Mr. Peres declined to say what had been discussed. "But I can say we agree that political steps should be taken first, as is now being done, to solve the crisis," he told reporters: 'The (SAM) missiles definitely

constitute a danger to Israeli security and must be removed," he Israel wants Syria to withdraw

Soviet-supplied ground-to-air SAM missiles deployed in Lebanon in response to the downing of the helicopters.

The latest fighting was the worst in Lehanon since the 1975-76 civil

war. Security sources said about 500 people were killed last month in Beirut, Zahle and in Israeli air

Hassan

to visit

Tunisia

AMMAN, May 3 (Petra) — His

Royal Highness Crown Prince

Hassan and Princess Sarvath

will pay an official visit to Tun-

isia in the coming few days at

the invitation of the Tunisian

government, the royal court

According to the ann-

ouncement, Prince Hassan will

meet with senior Tunisian gov-

ernment officials to discuss the

Arab situation and means of

boosting ties between Jordan

and Tunisia.

Film star

**Nargis Dutt** 

dies in India

KARACHI, May 3 (A.P.) - Tri-

butes were paid in Pakistan today

to Indian film actress Nargis Dutt.

who died in Bombay earlier in the

The president of the Pakistan

Film Trade Industry Association.

Mr. Shaukat Hussein Farmi, con-

vened a meeting of the ass-

ociation, which adopted a res-

olution paying tribute to "the sub-

of Mrs. Dutt's fans in Pakistan feel

the vacuum created by her death.

the fifties, especially after her por-

traval of a farmer's wife in the film

Sunil Dutt, who played her son in

that movie. Mr. Dutt, himself one

of India's leading actors, produces

greatest acclaim, starred with

almost all the leading stars in India

such as Raj Kapoor, Raj Kumar

Mrs. Dutt, during her days of

and directs his own movies.

and Dilip Kumar.

rts, the radio said.

Mother India." She married

The resolution said that millions

Mrs. Dutt shot to fame during

continents top actress."

announced here yesterday.

strikes against the south.

Mr. Khaddam was here last week for two days of talks with Lebanese government and party leaders at the Barbda presidential

palace, southeast of the capital. After reporting back to Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, Mr. Khaddam said he would draw up a working paper that would form a basis for the next round of dis-

# 24 killed as storm rips Gulf

ABU DHABI, May 3 (A.P.) - A freak weekend storm that swept through the desert states at the mouth of the Gulf killed 24 persons, injured scores and caused millions of dollars worth of damage, according to official reports today.

The three days of torrential rain and hailstorms swept broad areas in Oman, the United Arab Emirates and Iran's western Gulf coast by the Strait of Hormuz.

The UAE proclaimed a state of emergency. Its hospitals were reported working roundthe-clock to help to what an official described as "hundreds of injured." At least four persons were killed in the UAE, authorities reported.

In neighbouring Oman police said 17 persons were killed and eight are missing.

The Iranian authorities said three persons were killed around the port of Bandar Langhem and appealed to the people of the region to help by providing medicines, blankets and food for the homeless, the official Pars news agency said.

Strong winds tore ships from their moorings, overturned cars caught on the highways, demolished houses and farms and killed thousands of livestock buried under collapsing shelters, according to official reports.

Omani police said an unidentified tanker was beached during the night, but was later refloated. A second unidentified ship was also reported aground, the police added.

Electricity was cut off in Muscat, and many roads in Oman were reported swept away by flash flo-

Roads were also cut in the UAE. Police said the Sharjah-Dubai highway was impassable after more than 70 vehicles were involved in a multiple collision due to poor visibility.

The storm silenced Abu Dhabi Radio, severely damaging its ant-

An official of the UAE meteorological office described the storm as "the worst in living mem-

### Iraqis hold west Iranian heights

BEIRUT, May 3 (R) - Iraqi for- fficking, robbery and sodomy, ces have succeeded in dominating a series of mountain ranges and a number of villages in Iran's western Kermanshah Province, according to a military spokesman in

The spokesman, quoted by the government newspaper Al Jumhouriya, today, said Iraq's armed forces "scored a great victory and imposed their total domination of a series of mountain ranges aro-. und the Sar-e-Pol-e-Zahab area." The spokesman, who was not

identified, added that a number of villages and hills in the region were also under Iraqi control. He said the Iranian forces lost many men and a great deal of mil-

itary equipment in the fighting around Sar-e-Pol-e-Zahab last The official Iraqi News Agency saidwarplanes, helicopters, tanks,

artillery, rockets and a large number of troops took part in the hat-

Meanwhile, in Iran yesterday nine people were executed in various parts of the country after being found guilty of drug tra-

state radio said. They all had previous convictions and were sentenced after trial by Islamic revolutionary cou-

Five were executed by firing squads in the castern city of Kerman, three in the western city of

Kermanshah and one, a woman, in the northwestern city of Khoy, the radio said.

Last week, 10 people were executed in Tehran for drug-dealing and prostitution and a convicted thief had his hand chopped off by order of a revolutionary court in

Under the patronage of H.E. the Mayor of Amman

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Monday, 4 May 1981 at 6 p.m. at the Art Gallery

of the Ministry of Culture and Youth, Shmeisani. Exhibition will continue until 7 May

# King decorates UAE aide

AMMAN, May 3 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein received at Al Hummar Palace today the minister of education in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Mr. Sa'id Salman, who delivered to His Majesty a message from UAE President Sheikh Zaved Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan on further strengthening relations between the two countries.

The visiting minister briefed King Hussein on the extent of cooperation between Jordan and the UAE in the spheres of culture and youth welfare and praised the achievements of Jordan in these

During the audience, His Majesty conferred on Mr. Salman the Jordanian Al Kawkab Medal of the first Order.

The audience was attended by Chief of the Royal Court Ahmad Al Lawzi and Minister of Education Sa'id Al Tal.

Mr. Salman earlier called on Prime Minister Mudar Badran to discuss bilateral cooperation in the educational fields.

At a meeting earlier in the day with Minister of Culture and Youth Main Abu Nowar and the visiting UAE minister agreed on exchanging expertise and technical cooperation in the field of sports between the two countries.

Mr. Abu Nowar said his ministry would be willing to help the UAE in cultural and sports affairs.

Mr. Salman who arrived in Amman vesterday for a four-day visit to Jordan at the head of an official delegation, held talks this morning with Minister of Education Sa'id Al Tal on boosting cooperation in education between Jordan and the UAE.

. The two ministers, accompanied by aides, discussed a draft agreement on cultural cooperation for the coming two years. The agreement provides for the exchange of visits by teachers from both countries and coo-



His Majesty Ying Hussein receives United Arab Emirates Education Minister Sa'id Salman at Al Hummar Palace Sunday. Also seen (from left) are Education Minister Sa'id Al Tal and Chief of the Royal Court Ahmed Al Lawzi,

peration in training teachers and he secondment of Jordanian teachers to the UAE.

A programme for implementing where the deputy president of the the agreement will be worked out university presented the visitor later and a special follow up com- with the university golden insmittee will be set up to supervise ignia.

more of a stir than the blaze itself.

AMMAN, May 3 (J.T.) - Two bright-red Civil

Defence vehicles called in to put out a fire in Al

Hussein Housing Estate this afternoon created

As Civil Defence men unreeled a fire hose from

one of the trucks and carried it through the ent-

rance of building number 54 to douse the flames in

the huilding's basement storeroom, scores of exc-

ited youngsters gathered from all over the nei-

ghbourhood for what was, to them, a festive occ-

asion. However, their excitement was short-lived,

The storeroom fire was first discovered by She-

ikh Fathi Hammouri, a resident of the building,

who along with other residents notified the Shm-

eisani station of the Civil Defence Directorate.

According to the officer in charge, who declined to

give his name, damage was negligible, as the sto-

reroom contained only "rubbish and packing

cases." (Jordan Times staff photo by Steve Ross)

as the blaze took only five minutes to put out.

its implementation.

Mr. Salman and Dr. Tal later visited the University of Jordan,

### Prince Hassan in Petra interview

# Development plan to focus on production, not services

AMMAN, May 3 (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan today said the five-year development plan (1981-1985) will concentrate on production rather than services.

In an interview with Petra, the Jordan News Agency, during a tour he made to several projects which the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) is currently implementing in Wadi Araba, the Crown Prince said the plan "will draw on Jordan's experiment of trying to bypass the servicessaturated cities so that we achieve ill-out production, link the citizen with his land and deepen his aff-

Fire trucks create more of a stir than the blaze

Name of Company

Prince Hassan said Jordan "embarking on a new experiment based on economising in the utilisation of our water sources in order to gain profits through the use of plastic green houses."

Crown Prince Hassan urged JVA to explain the role of the public services in the Wadi Araba. area, particularly the housing services for the citizens residing in the Jordan Valley.

Prince Hassan also emphasised the significance of cooperation between the education and health services with JVA offices to provide cadres which are qualified to render educational and health services to residents of the Jordan



Valley. He also stressed the need for cooperation between the authority and the Arab Potash Company to draw on water economics in the use of the water resources, particularly the waters of valleys such as Al Mujib and Al Hasa.

He also emphasised the significance of cooperation between JVA and the Natural Resources Authority in the field of mining so that the residents of the area could benefit from employment opportunities which will be provided for them.

JVA President Omar Abdullah said the authority had launched these projects last years. They include the construction of experimental agricultural stations and the digging of artisian wells so that technicians could train the residents of the area on new agricultural methods to qualify them for the management of these projects in the future.

### **NATIONAL NEWS BRIE**

AMMAN, May 3 (Petra) - Smuggling across the Sa Jordanian border which is "barmful to national economy" wi the main topic to be discussed by Jordanian and Saudi offic during this week, according to Director of Public Security ! Gen. Mamoun Khalil. Speaking before leaving for Saudi Ar for the meetings at the head of a delegation, Maj. Gen. Khalil that the talks will also cover ways of facilitating transport of S: and Jordanian citizens between the two countries, coordina efforts to track down criminals and training of public secu

AMMAN, May 3 (Petra) — The military court has sentence Jordanian citizen, Mr. Mohammad Radwan Al Sawa'ir, to i months in prison and the payment of JD 10 fine for attempting bribe a policeman. The military governor today endorsed sentence. The court also endorsed sentences passed by the i itary court on 44 Jordanian merchants for violating supply 1 ulations. Each will pay JD 80. Four other merchants were fi-JD 100 each for similar offences.

AMMAN, May 3 (J.T.) — Examinations for the second seme of the General Secondary Certificate (tawjihi) for this year start on May 27. Sources at the ministry of education said 36.8 🛴 students (21,813 males and 15,058 females) will sit for the e mination in the East Bank. The ministry has made available (... halls to accommodate the candidates in different parts of country and assigned 300 teachers to supervise the exams : 2,000 to mark the examination papers, the sources said, 7 examinations will last eight days, while the marking is schedu to take no more than 10 days.

AMMAN, May 3 (J.T.) - The chairman of the board of direct of Alia, the Roval Jordanian Airline, Mr. Ali Ghandour, left the United States today to take part in the ninth annual conventi of the National Association of Arab Americans which will open San Francisco on May 7. Nearly 2000 delegates representi some two million Arab Americans will attend the convention which 19 participants, including Mr. Ghandour, will make st eches. Following the convention, Mr. Ghandour will go to Ap leton, Wisconsin, where he will deliver a speech on Jordan and t Middle East region at Lawrence University.

AMMAN, May 3 (Petra) - A committee of deputies of p manent representatives at the Council of Arab Economic Un (CAEU) opened a two-day meeting here today in its capacity a follow-up committee. The movement of workers within the Ar. World, coordination among Arab industries and unifying trasystems among the Arab common market countries are among ti major topics to be discussed by the committee, a CAEU soun said. At the opening session, CAEU Secretary General Fakh Qaddouri and Ministry of Industry and Trade Undersecretar Mohammad Saleh Horani expressed the hope that the con mittee's work would contribute towards the achievement of Art economic integration.

AJLOUN, May 3 (Petra) - Minister of Municipal and Rur. Affairs and the Environment Hassan Momani opened here toda a five -day seminar for heads of municipal councils in the Irbi governorate. In a speech to the 34 participants, Mr. Momar outlined the importance of the seminar, the fourth of its kind s far in the country, which he said was aimed at raising the standar of the technical and administrative systems of municipalities. The participants will hear lectures on development, rules and reg ulations pertaining to municipal councils and other related sub

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### **Exhibitions**

The British Council presents "The Age of Shakespeare", an exhibition which employs pictures, photographs, slides, music, models and costumes to explore the way of life of the late 16th-century Englishman. The council will present a special programme of readings and scenes from Shakespeare, lectures, solo performances and music related to the exhibition during the second week of May. The exhibition is open from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. at the council in Jabal

The Harvard Semitic Museum, in cooperation with the ministries of culture and youth and tourism, presents an exhibition of Middle East "Photographs from the Last Century". The exhibition which was held at the Jordan National Gallery is now on display at Yarmouk University in Irbid.

Karak municipality presents the town's first book exhibition. The exhibition will take place at the Government House and will run until May 5.

### Spring Festival

Jordan is celebrating the Spring Festival of Art in

Aqaba. Several exhibitions of works by Jordanian artists are taking place at the major hotels of the

### Seminar

The Jordanian Writer's Association presents the first in its series of "Artistic Criticism" workshops, entitled "Creativity and Society", which will held under the chairmanship of Dr. Walid Mustafa. For further information please contact the association

### Film

The British Council presents the second in its series of films of Shakespeare's Plays, "The Tempest". The show starts at 8 p.m., at the Haya Arts Centre in Shmeisani. Admission costs 250 fils.

### Videotape Programme

The French Cultural Centre presents the second part of "Lemystere Frontenac", at 5 p.m. and the third episode of "La maison des bois", at 6 p.m., at the centre in Jabal Luweibdeh.

### **AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT**

Islamic Bank 50%	JD 1.000	314	1.030	1.650	1,630
Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1.000	800	2.280	2.270	2.280
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1.000	10.853	1.510	1.500	1.510
Housing Bank	JD 1.000	2,350	2.160	2.150	2.150
Jordan National Bank	JD 5.000	99	16.500	16.500	16.500
Bank of Jordan	JD 5.000	160	17.500	17.500	17.500
Cairo Amman Bank	JD 5.000	400	15.100	15.000	15.000
Arab Bank Co. Ltd.	JD 10.000	45	133.000	133.000	133.000
Arab Financial Corporation (Jordan) 80%	JD 10.000	100	13.600	13.600	13.600
Fuiancial Papers Co.	JD 10.000	545	21.000	16.900	18.000
Al Ezdihar İnsurance Co.	JD 1.000	400	2.450	2.450	2.450
Jordan Insurance Co.	JD 1.000	2.000	13.110	13.110	13.110
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Arabian Seas Insurance Co.	JD 5.040	175	11.600	11.580	11.580
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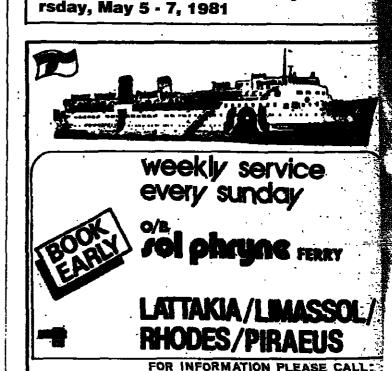
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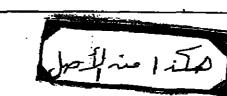
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Text and photos By Mohammad Ayish Special to the Jordan Times

MMAN — "I learned the craft when I was ist a child in the Bethlehem area, but stone arving was still a hobby for me until I began ) do sculpture for commercial reasons some 3 years ago," said Mr. Mohammad Shanoudeh (Abu Mahmoud), a stone worker ho believes he is the only one of his kind in ie country.

I began my experience with es by working out some simthings such as small ashtrays coffee cups," Abu Mahmoud the Jordan Times. But, now he seems to have mastered craft, he said that it became, im no longer just a hobby, but ofitable business.

ut though Abu Mahmoud ids most of his time on stone k at his humble residence, he he sometimes feels that he ·ks"for no reward," since he is orles, always sure that everything he e.es will be bought by his sole omer, the Jordan Handicrafts elopment Centre Company. then a visitor asked to see ples of his work, Abu imoud and his wife, instead of ing him into an exhibition n, took only a few minutes to h all the samples. They were ad somewhere near the fence er a thick layer of dust.

Some of these pieces have i here for three or four years others for two years or one," . Shannoudeh, a mother of said.

> But it is still our hobby to make gs out of stone, despite the fact the market is dull," she said being asked whether it was a idea to do such work for

I need a place to display my k in, and most importantly I dencouragement so as to conie in this trade," Abu moud said. He added that he e: 43704 taken part in seven crafts ibitions in Jordan, and four 's ago, he made a stone SALE lem commemorating His esty King Hussein's silver

At present, my work is sold to the Jordan Handicrafts ""elopment Centre Company, · usually purchase my crafts in ordance with their promotion 4236, Ame centre," he said. But other /enir shops always reject his ptures, because these shops nternalidancient, rather than new, ework. You see that turtle I le ... it would have been worth 1 = 50 had it come from ancient es; but since I made it here, it costs JD 5," he said as he ted to a stone turtle displayed:

the other sculptures. sked why he does not apply to Industrial Development Bank ాజా కాని.B) for a loan, Abu Mahmoud he had never thought of doing since he does not "like to bear burden of debt.

Besides, I don't know how to te use of the money," he said,

place -- where I can display my crafts and establish contacts with customers, particularly foreign

"At present, I only make an average of JD 30 a month, which does not suffice for a 12-member family and rent," Abu Mahmoud

Having himself now mastered the craft thoroughly, Abu Mahmoud is concerned about its continuity within the family.

"You see these birds and little turtles, it was me who made them. It takes me two days to make a bird out of stone," Mariam Shannoudeh said as she arranged a group of carved turtles and fledgiing birds she had made.

She told the Jordan Times that she learned the craft from her husband, and likes to spend time at it, despite the burdens of caring for a big family. She also makes stone rings and tiny kohl jars, as well as stone bracelets.

For some craftsmen, the dissolution of the craftsmen's cooperative some years ago was a loss, but for Abu Mahmoud it did not make any difference. "The



Family of tiny turtles carved by Abu Mahmoud's wife Mariam

cooperative asked me to become a member," he said, "but by then I did not have the money to pay

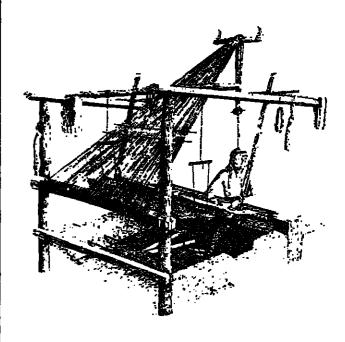
and shapes, pipes, rings, bracelets and waterpipes, "Not all of them moral support from them." Abu Mahmoud's carvings are used, like their counterparts reflect the Jordanian culture in general, and nature in particular. made of other materials, but they He said he makes vases of all kinds add a touch of beauty to places.

Another category includes birds

of all types, particularly pigeons; turtles, and other animals. "I can make images of all things, except human beings, because it is religiously banned." Abu Mahmoud said. Thus he has no ambition to become a great portrait sculptor. But he seems satisfied with his work, and confident

of the creativity he introduces into it, despite his severe need for a display place and for moral encouragement.

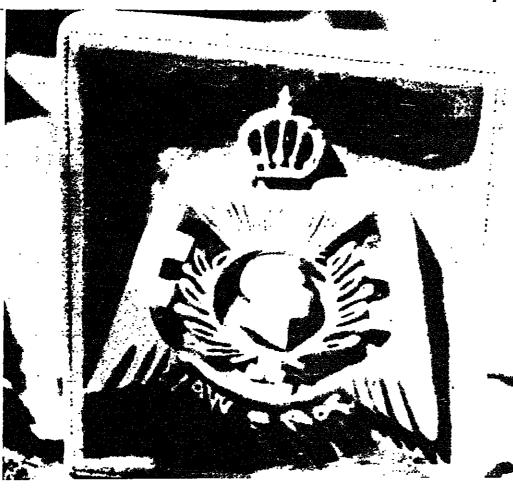
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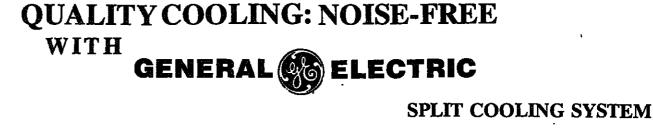


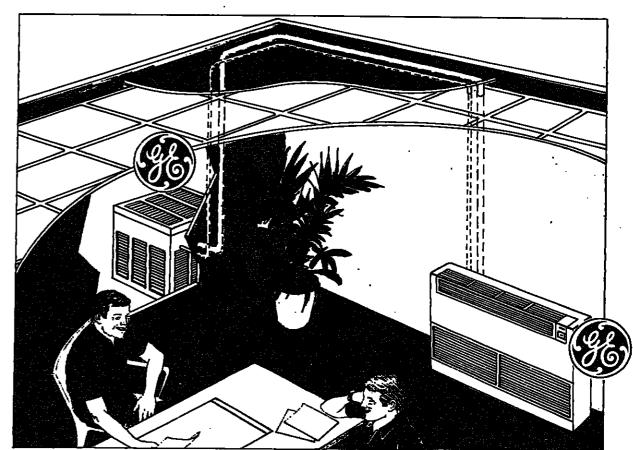
While without ambition to be a great sculptor, Abu Mahmoud has produced some pieces like this stone head.





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### All roads lead....

IF ALL ROADS lead to Rome, all discussion about the worsening situation in Lebanon lead back to the issue of Palestine -- the unresolved issue that has consistently been at the core of Middle Eastern turmoil since 1947. The threat of a Syrian-Israeli shootout that reared its head last week has sparked renewed fears of broader clashes outside the borders of Lebanon. The fighting inside Lebanon during the past month has sparked renewed talk of sending yet another international peace-keeping force into Lebanon. For both of these items to capture the world's attention without leading us back to a discussion of the underlying Palestinian-Zionist conflict would be a poor performance by a world determined to apply band-aid solutions to a chronic ailment that has defied hand-aid applications for many decades. Another peace-keeping force in Lebanon strikes us as a weak idea -- another band-aid -- where radical surgery is required. The Syrian forces in Lebanon that entered the country in 1976 with an Arab League mandate to act as peace-keepers should revert to that peace-keeping role, for a start. But in the longer run, to try and resolve the Lebanese problem without simultaneously setting in motion a global and comprehensive peacemaking effort to reconcile the competing nationalisms of Palestinians and Israelis, is vet more band-aid-class statesmanship. Israel has become so deeply involved in the affairs of Lebanon, directly and through its surrogates there, that it has effectively become a party to that conflict as well. It will cease that role, as it began it, only via fair resolution of the Palestinian issue. To make believe otherwise is naive and unrealistic.



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### Jordan's Labour Da

By T.A. Jal

ON FRIDAY, about 3,000 workers assembled in the Palace of Culture to celebrate Labour Day. This gathering was hosted by the General Federation of Jordanian Trade Unions (GFTU) under the patronage of His Majesty King Hussein. The general feeling of the participants was that this vear's celebrations were a successon many grounds.

First, in his address to the workers His Majesty expressed his high admiration of the productive role of the Jordanian labour force in the implementation of our development plans and expressed his blessings for the new principles included in the draft labour law. Our manpower in Jordan, in occupied Jerusalem and other parts of the West Bank and in the neighbouring Arab countries was whole-heartedly greeted as the most significant asset of Jordan's progress and steadfastness.

Second, workers gathering from all cities and villages in Jordan expressed their full support to the Jordanian leadership and its wise policies. Their coming to the celebrations was motivated by their own initative to participate and express their gratitude for the social benefits and stability which they enjoy.

Third, technical issues related to labour were not put aside amidst the enthusiastic cheerings of workers. The need for an upto-date labour bill was highlighted. A new headquarters for the GFTU will be built on a lot of land which was donated by the government. The encouragement of working women and the emp-

doement of obvsically-r workers were emphasised

Fourth, industrial reamong workers and emplo not taken in Jordan as an eof class struggle for a give-Rather both parties ar ouraged to settle their c amicably. Workers believ the continuity and prog their establishments would their benefit, while employ aware that the economic a ial confort of their workers enhance their efficiency as fitability.

Last, but not least, trac onism has a tradition in . which has developed as an i must of our society. The was founded in 1954. It no ludes seventeen trade unio its own executive committ central council and holds ek every two years. GFTU resentatives have participathe formulation of the new law and other regulations are members in the board ectors of the Social Security poration, the Vocational Tr. Corporation and the worker cation institutes.

The awarding of decoratic His Majesty to four pioneers trade union movement has nificant meaning to the progr the movement in Jordan.

Looking ahead, we hope to tinue our remarkable sociaeconomic development in mony. Labour Day celebir are a good indication that we do so. Nevertheless, we stcontinue working for that difobjective.

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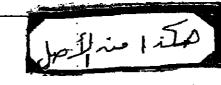
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# MIDDLE EAST

# No Jordanian option' a myth - Yamani about Int. May 3 (R) — Saudi ian Oil Minister Sheikh ad Zaki Yamani said in an view published today he about Jordanian option' explode, but of course, the soone action is taken the better," he said "You cannot ignore the fact that Arab territories are under

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Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani

be based on a so-called Jordanian option of bringing Amman into

the peace process. The Jordanians themselves don't think of it as an option. How can it exist without the Jordanians themselves believing in it?" he-

Sheikh Yamani spoke of the possibility of war if the Americans did not act. "You cannot measure said the next step could not, how long it will take the region to

explode, but of course, the sooner action is taken the better," he said. "You cannot ignore the fact that Arab territories are under occupation and that the whole nation is living without hope. You cannot live like this forever."

The Saudi minister said he expected an initiative by the 10-nation European Economic Community to achieve some res-

"We think that the historical relationship between Europe and the Arab World is much stronger than the relationship between the Arabs and any other major power or group of powers, which puts the EEC in a good position to take the initiative with regard to the Arab-Israeli conflict and the Middle East as a whole.'

He said the EEC initiative stopped for some time, probably because there was a new administration in America, "but we think it will start again and it will

# Sadat frees four opponents, raises wages, food subsidies

CAIRO, May 3 (R) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat yesterday raised public employees' wages by at least 20 per cent, boosted food subsidies and said he was freeing four jailed political opponents, including former vice-president Ali Sabri.

Mr. Sadat told a worker's May Day rally near the industrial city of Helwan he was decreeing an amnesty for Mr. Sabri and three other leftists sentenced for life 10 years ago for plotting against Mr. Sadat in the power struggle that followed the death of President Gamal Abdel Nasser in 1970.

Mr. Sadat said increased oil revenues and Suez Canal earnings enabled him to raise the public employees' monthly minimum wage from 20 to 25 Egyptian Pounds (\$36).

Government subsidies on essential goods such as bread, meat, rice and cooking oil will go up



from 1.5 billion Egyptian Pounds to two billion Pounds (\$2.9 billion) during the year starting July

Yesterday's package was one of the biggest for years, and the president said a law he was tabling in parliament would assure that wage increases in the public sector also applied to the private sector. With new allowances taken into account, some

Egyptians' earnings would go up 60 per cent. State pensions were raised between 10 and 30 per cent, increasing the lowest pension to 20 Egyptian Pounds (\$29) a month.

Mr. Sadat did not say how much the package would cost his government.

The others to be released with Mr. Sabri are former minister of presidential affairs Mr. Sami Sharaf, former information minister Mr. Mohammad Fayek and Mr. Farid Abdel Karim, former official of the Arab Socialist Union, the sole political party at the time.

This economic package has been expected for some weeks.

A year ago, President Sadat pledged to devote most of his efforts to improving the country's eco-

An aide described the measures as a result of improvement in the economy which for the first time in several years registered a balance of payments surplus of about one billion dollars last

### Kuwaiti authorities, the spokesman said. Waldheim to discuss Afghanistan

in Moscow

MIDDLE EAST BRIEFS

Iran seizes ship, Kuwait

demands inquiry

BAHRAIN, May 3 (R) - Kuwait has demanded an inquiry into

the seizure last week by Iran of a Panamanian-registered oil survey ship working at the head of the Gulf, the Iranian amb-

assador to Kuwait, Dr. Ali Shams Ardekani, said today. He told

Reuters by telephone from Kuwait that the Kuwaitis had said the

ship had been ordered by Iran to sail to an Iranian port, which he

understood to be Bushire, last Thursday. Dr. Shams said his

government had told Kuwait that the ship, the Western Sea, had

entered waters at the head of the Gulf designated a war zone by

Iran and Iraq at the start of the Gulf war last September. He said

the seismographic survey ship was working for a Kuwaiti company

and had been previously warned not to operate in the area. Dr.

Shams said he understood the crew of the ship were in good

health. He had no further details. In London, a spokesman for the

ship's American owners, the Western Geophysical Company, said

the Western Sea was anchored today outside the Iranian port of

Bushire. Its crew of 19, including 11 Britons, were on board the

ship and were safe and in good shape. The survey vessel had been

on charter to the Kuwaiti National Oil Company (KNOC) and the

company was trying to obtain its release through the offices of the

UNITED NATIONS, May 3 (R) — Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim is expected to renew efforts to get Soviet troops out of Afghanistan during a four-day visit to the Soviet Union beginning tomorrow. Mr. Waldheim has a mandate from the General Assembly to search for a solution to the problem of Afghanistan. The assembly has twice called for the immediate withdrawal of "the foreign troops" from the country. Mr. Javier Perez de Cuellar, his special emissary who recently visited Kabul, will be in the party for the secretary-general's first visit to Moscow since May, 1979. It follows a trip to Washington on Thursday in which Mr. Waldheim had his first substantive meeting with President Reagan. They discussed the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan, as well as the conflict in Lebanon. The United States has been seeking Soviet cooperation in attempts to reduce the Lebanese tension. and Mr. Waldheim is considered certain to discuss the problem with Soviet leaders. Soviet leaders are expected to seek Mr. Waldheim's advice on President Brezhnev's proposal for a summit session of the U.N. Security Council, which the secretarygeneral has applauded, and for a world conference on disarmament under U.N. auspices. This is the final year of Mr. Waldheim's second five-year term in office, and U.N. diplomats expect he may test Soviet support for an unprecedented third term. He has not announced whether he is available for reelection, but it is widely believed he wants to carry on, at least for another two or three years. There is no set term, but five-year periods have become the custom for the secretary-general. If Mr. Waldheim is re-elected, he will become the longest-serving U.N. chief. His predecessor, Mr. U Thant, served 10 years before stepping down in 1971 because of poor health. Mr. Waldheim was the choice of the Soviet Union and France to succeed Mr. U Thant, but he was vetoed by the United States, Britain and China, which preferred Mr. Max Jakobson of Finland. These states later dropped their vetoes to let him in. In 1976, the Chinese cast one veto, but he was endorsed by the Security Council in the second round of voting.

### Kreisky to head high-powered delegation to Riyadh

VIENNA, May 3 (A.P.) — Chancellor Bruno Kreisky, leading a high-powered Austrian economics delegation, is scheduled to pay an official visit to Saudi Arabia May 5-7, his office reported today. The Austrian government, a purchaser of Saudi crude oil, seeking to transact business with the Rivadh government and finalise a number of pending projects. Unlike West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, sources here said, the Austrians are seeking to win a contract for the shipment to Saudi Arabia of light battle tanks. Chancellor Kreisky, who will be accompanied by lawmakers, senior government officials and representatives of the thirteen Austrian firms, last visited Saudi Arabia Feb. 2-4, 1980.

### Gandhi to discuss region security during visit to Gulf

KUWAIT, May 3 (R) — Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, who visits Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) this month, has said in an interview that the security of the Gulf was important to the whole world. She told the Kuwait Times that the area's importance meant her talks in the Gulf would go beyond bilateral relations to how the situation in the region affected the rest of the world. Mrs. Gandhi said invitations to oil states to invest in India had produced encouraging results but oil exporters could still do more to help developing countries.

# Rural Egypt takes to the Pill

By John Rowley

family planning experiment which began in an yptian village 12 years ago has been so successful it it is now being extended to an area containing r a quarter of the rural population of Egypt. John wley, the Editor of People, the international poption and development magazine, reports:

relve years ago an expental family planning project launched at Shanawan, an tian village of some 14,000 le on the banks of the Nile, 60 kilometres north of

day, the fruits of that expent have spread to all the 32 es of the rural governorate of oufia with a population of 1.4 million, and it has now been agreed to expand similar activities to four additional governorates with 6 million people -- over quarter the rural population of Egypt.

The moving spirit behind this success story is Dr. Saad Gadalla, Director of the Social Research Centre in Cairo, who began work in Shanawan in 1969 and has since built up a programme, in which

the distribution of contraceptives and the provision of clinic services is based on a people-centred approach to village health care and development.

By mobilising the people in various development activities, and encouraging them to make their needs known to local officials, Dr. Gadalla was able to launch a Pill distribution programme in Shanawan which helped to push up the contraceptive practice rate from 15 to 30 per cent and to reduce pregnancies by 21 per cent in a country where population is pressing hard against the available

In the first part of the expanded experiment, in the 38 villages near Shanawan, household delivery of contraceptives was made to two groups each of 100,000 people. In the first the re-supply of contraceptives was made free of charge, but in the second a small charge was made. Experiments were also made to see if greater success was obtained by providing a continuing supply of contraceptives in the clinics, or through a local community distributor. Special efforts were also made to see that

the local doctors, social workers,

family planning and other officials

were trained and actively involved in the project. According to Dr. Gadalla the results were "very favourable" with contraceptive practice in the villages increasing from 18 to 29 per cent.

Dr. Gadalla stresses that a key element in the success of this experiment was the education and training of the doctors to attend to the needs of the users, not only about family planning but about child care and health problems in

general. "We bridged the gap between the physician and the community. We got the physician out of the four walls of the clinic, we made the community more enlightened about the role of the physician and we gave the physician a more satisfactory and fulfilling role in a bealthy atmosphere rather than a sick one." The success of the extended

project led the Governor of Menoufia to request that it should be extended throughout the Governorate. But in doing so two essential conditions were agreed. It was decided that outside funding from the United States aid agency should bypass the central government bureaucracy and be sent directly to the project through the Governor, thus ensuring that it got through to the rural villages. It was the first agreement in Egypt to be signed between USAID and a local administrator.

It was also agreed that, as in the previous work, the views and needs of the village communities should be the lynchpin of the operation, and that the whole action should start with the involvement of the local people.

As a result committees were formed for every group of villages that are served by a health unit. These include the heads of village councils, the doctors, the social workers, community leaders, family planning workers and the

community development workers. "It is the committee that is in charge of mobilising the community, discussing the appropriate health, social welfare and family planning services, selecting the girls or women in the community who will carry out the household distribution of contraceptives and

informing women about IUDs, as well as about the treatment of diarrhoea", says Dr. Gadalla.

"We have also started activities for social welfare including nurseries, women's clubs, workshop training for school dropouts, and illiteracy classes for women -- all asked for by the community. In providing these services as a requested package the people know how each one relates to the other. It is no longer a question of the doctor pulling in one direction, and the social worker or the village council in others: They are all endorsing and implanting services which the people have asked for."

Dr. Gadalla also points out that the project is not seen as an AID project, or something handed down by the Ministry or university, but as a people's project, with all the pride that involves. Even the governorate officials involved volunteer their time out of official hours to manage the

As a result, he says, "we have encountered no problems whatsoever in our outreach programmes and in the people's acceptance of contraceptives. For example, we have nurseries in villages which enrolled 100 children within a month. We have literacy classes with as many as 30 to 50 women. We have evening classes in handicrafts where the women also learn to write and where we talk about family planning, nutrition and child health. The participation in all these activities is very encouraging".

In the expansion of the project to cover a total population of over 6 million Dr. Gadalla's team will be involving national universities and research institutes to do what his own institution has done in Menoufia and will be providing technical assistance to government officials.

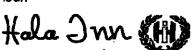
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The pill distribution programme in Shanawan helped to reduce pregnancies by 21 per cent in a country where population is pressing hard against the available land.

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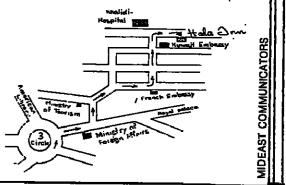
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# ECONOMY

# Yamani predicts unified oil pricing

BEIRUT, May 3 (R) — Saudi happen sometime this year." Arabian Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani was quoted today as saving he expected the 13-member Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to agree on a unified prieing structure sometime this year.

But in an interview with the Beirut English-language weekly Monday Morning, he said he was not optimistic about agreement being reached at an OPEC conference due to take place in Geneva at the end of this month.

Asked if Saudi Arabia would be pressing for lower uniform oil prices at the conference. Sheikh Yamani said: "That is our hope." but we are not optimistic that we will realise it in May. However, if it doesn't happen in May, it will

He did not want a reduction in

the present base price of \$32 a barrel, but some producers had gone above that level. "We think that the OPEC

members which have gone above the base price will perhaps reduce their prices, because already the market price of their crude is much lower than the official prices they are charging. However, it's up to them. The decision is theirs," he said.

Sheikh Yamani, interviewed in Amman, said: "Production will definitely come down everywhere if we have a unified price system. The market forces, given a unified price, will cut down the level of production in every member country, including Saudi Arabia."

A unified price structure was likely to be agreed sometime this year "because once we get through the summer, which is the most difficult period, then the producers will be in a better position to make that decision."

The oil minister said that if the Iran-Iraq war ended, both countries would start producing at a sizeable capacity.

"Should a sizeable surplus develop, OPEC would have rather a difficult time facing the situation. trying to bring the level of production down to the level of demand. The price level would probably come down as well."

He added: "If it (the war) does not end, and if it does not escalate. we will continue to have a small surplus in 1982--probably a bit

larger that this year's surplus. This will entail some pressure on the price structure, but OPEC will be in a better position to face that situation."

He said Iraq was currently pro-ducing a little under one million barrels of oil a day.

Asked about damage to Iraqi and Iranian oil installations as a result of the Gulf war, he said: "We don't think that the damage is sizeable. We think that if the war comes to an end, the two nations will be able to raise production. producing at least six million barrels a day between them.

"That would enable them to rebuild their economies, but... it would also increase the surplus on the market."

### **ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS**

Soviets plan railway link across Caucasus mountains

MOSCOW, May 3 (R) - The Soviet Union is planning a railway across the Caucasus mountains that will cut the route between Moscow and the Georgian capital of Tbilisi by 1,000 km, a Soviet ·newspaper said.

The new rail link, in the final planning stage but apparently not yet approved, would improve significantly the Soviet Union's freight routes to Iran and Turkey.

The paper. Sotsialisticheskaya Industriva, quoted Project Engineer Svanishvili as saying the planned route would cross the Arkhot Pass. 2.400 metres above sea-level and would involve drilling 40 km of tunnels.

The Transcaucasian Republics of Georgia, Armenia and Azerbaijan are at present linked to the rest of the Soviet Union by two coastal rail links which skirt the mountains.

The report gave no estimate of the likely cost of the project or how long it would take to complete.

### \$13b surplus in new Saudi budget ...

JEDDAH, May 3 (R) - Saudi Arabia, the world's largest oil exporter, today announced it will have a 42 billion Saudi rival (\$13 billion) surplus after spending a record 298 billion rivals (about \$90 billion) under its new budget.

The official Saudi Press Agency quoted Crown Prince Fahd as saying after a cabinet meeting to approve the new budget that it "stresses productive fields such as agriculture, roads, hospitals and industrial development."

Information Minister Mohammed Abdo Yamani said after the cabinet meeting chaired by King Khaled that revenues for the fiscal year beginning on Tuesday would be 340 billion riyals (\$100 billion) and the surplus would be put in the country's reserves.

The budget for the current fiscal year set revenues at 262 billion rivals (about \$80 billion) with a surplus of 17 billion rivals (\$5 billion).

### 'Watch the glut', OAPEC warns

KUWAIT. May 3 (R) — The continuing world oil surplus sl alarm Arab oil producing countries, the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC) said today.

The surplus pointed to further exhaustion of Arab oil rese out downward pressure on oil prices and could lead to har competition between producing countries, OAPEC said i monthly bulletin.

The recent glut on the world market signalled a growing t which favoured consuming countries, an editorial said. OA groups nearly all the Arab oil exporting nations.

Saudi Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani said last month in York that Saudi Arabia had engineered the glut by incre production to stabilise world oil prices. Saudi Arabia also y the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPE

agree a long-term pricing strategy.

The OAPEC editorial said major industrial countries had ceeded in harmonising their oil policies, trimming consumy while coordinating their purchases of oil.

"The question therefore arises whether the producers are able of coordinating their oil policies by regulating and plan their pricing and production levels in a manner which prothem against market fluctuations and prolongs the life-spa their reserves," the bulletin editorial said.

### Mexico opens \$1b petrochemical pla

MEXICO CITY, May 3 (R) — President Jose Lopez Portillo inaugurated the one billion dollar La Cangrejera petrochen complex in Veracruz, eastern Mexico.

The complex will produce 3.5 million tonnes of basic rochemical products annually, raising Mexico's yearly rochemical production to 12.4 million tonnes, the state oil n opoly PEMEX said.

PEMEX officials said that by next year Mexico will ha surplus of about \$170 million in the balance between imports? exports of petrochemical products.

### worries EEC U.S.-Japan pact export car

BRUSSELS, May 3 (R) — The European Common Market Commission said vesterday that it has asked Japan and the United States for urgent clarification about Japan's agreement to limit car exports to the U.S.

EEC officials said Common Market authorities, already under pressure from Japanese car imports, were worried that the U.S.-Japan agreement could mean that extra sales would be diverted from the U.S. market to the EEC. ...

In a statement, the EEC commission did not specifically say that it would demand a similar voluntary restraint agreement between Japan and the European Community.

But it said it would study the impact of the U.S.-Japan accord at its weekly meeting next Wednesday and report back to the governments of the 10° EEC member states.

urgently for clarification from the

Japanese and United States autthe details and implications for world trade." the commission statement said.

Japanese Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki made clear Friday that he saw no automatic link between the U.S. pact and restraint of exports to the EEC and Canada.

EEC commission officials admit that their requests for similar trethat a number of countries, inc-

luding Italy, France and Britain, horities and will be considering are already restricting imports of Japanese cars.

But after taking 10.4 per cent of the EEC car market last year, Japanese car sales have continued to cause problems in some EEC countries this year, particularly Bel-

This has strengthened pressures for protectionist barriers if no voluntary restraint agreement with "The commission has asked atment are weakened by the fact Japan is reached. EEC sources

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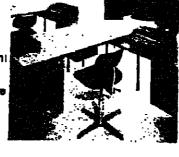
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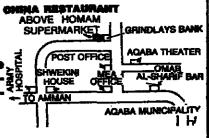
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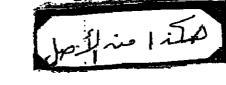
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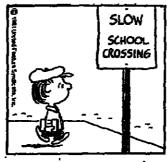
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The bidding: East South West North Pass Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Jack of ♥.

The play of the cards is an art, not a science. Therefore, no amount of coaching will make the average player' become an expert. But there are many facets of technique that can be learned with a minimum of study. The count-

ing of a hand is an example. South's overcall of East's opening no trump bid needs no sanction from this department. Despite the fact that he had no distributional values, North felt that his high cards merited a raise, and South boldly pushed on

West led the jack of hearts, and declarer could see three sure losers in the red suits. (East had to have the heart ace for his no trump opener.) Therefore, it seemed that the fate of the

one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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contract hinged on successful spade and club finesses. There was a slight additional chance that East held only a doubleton ace-queen of bearts. That possibility vanished quickly when East followed to the first trick with the seven, and the defense continued with two more rounds of hearts.

Declarer ruffed the third round, crossed to the ace of diamonds and successfully passed the ten of spades When this won, declarer continued with the nine, running it again as East played low and West sluffed a heart.

Before making the "automatic" play of drawing the last trump, declarer paused about the hands. He had seen 23 high-card points in his hand and dummy, and West had shown up with 1 point -the jack of hearts. Therefore, East had to have every one of the missing points to give him the 16 points he needed for his one no trump opening bid. That meant that

clubs was doomed to fail! There is nothing in the Laws of Bridge that says that declarer is honor bound to make a play that must lose. Indeed, declarer found a way to give himself a 50 percent chance of bringing home his

the finesse for the queen of

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WHAT THE NERVOUS CONSTRUCTION WORKER WAS, MOST OF THE TIME.

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JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee



Let's do something wild and impulsive while your mother and brother are out ... like selling the house, moving to another state and adopting new identities!"

### **THE Daily Crossword**

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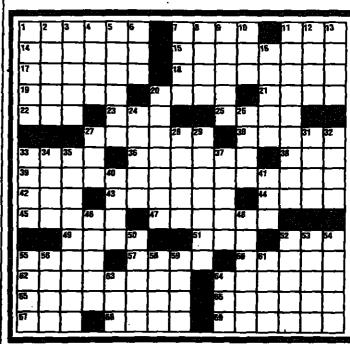
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# Sands lapses into coma; no last-minute solutions

BELFAST, May 3 (R) - Irish guerrilla hungerstriker Bobby Sands has gone into a coma on the 64th day of his hunger strike, his supporters said

The so-called H-Block information centre, which relays news from and about the four Irish guerrillas on hunger-strike in Belfast's Maze prison, said: "We have just received a report from the prison that Bobby Sands lapsed into a coma some time in the early hours of this morning."

"He has not regained consciousness yet and a room has been made available in the prison for relatives," it added.

Mr. Sands' supporters said they obtained the information from a brother of one of the other hunger-strikers who visited the jail and spoke to Mr. Sands' sister Marcella in the prison hospital.

A British government spokesman limited himself to his stock reply -- "The condition of Sands and the three other hunger-strikers continues to deteriorate" -- and refused to give further information.

Mr. Sands' mother, Mrs. Rosaleen Sands, has already said that she would not ask doctors to intervene once her son went into a

While on hunger-strike at the Maze prison, Mr. Sands was elected last month as a British member of parliament at a by-election in a Northern Ireland con-

If he dies, he will become the first British MP to die on a hunger strike.

No compromise has been found to end the hunger-strike despite interventions last week by the European Human Rights Commission and a personal emissary from Pope John Paul.

When Mr. Sands mother and sister visited him yesterday, friends said, they found him completely blind, lacking all feeling on one side of his face, and in constant pain.

food. His evesight is failing and he

is in constant pain, his family said.

Northern Ireland Secretary

Humphery Atkins and his advisers

reviewed security measures, a

spokesman said, adding that pol-

ice and the army had confirmed

they were ready for any new vio-

lence. Police leave in the province

Several thousand Sands sym-

pathisers were expected this aft-

emoon at a rally in his support at

Toomebridge, a small town bet-

It is an emotive spot for IRA

sympathisers fighting to end Nor-

thern Ireland's links with Britain.

which the province's Protestant

majority has sworn never to give

In 1798 a Republican rebel.

Roddy McCorley, was hanged at

Toomebridge by the British after

he was betrayed by a local bus-

inessman, and his body was buried

in the foundations of the bridge

which still stands today over the

The death of one or more of the

hunger-strikers is expected to

provoke a new upsure of violence

in a conflict which has claimed

more than 2,000 lives since the

About 11,000 British troops are

in Northern Ireland, but an army

spokesman said a 600-man tro-

ubleshooting unit codenamed the

'Spearhead Battalion" was on

standby in England to fly to the

province if trouble flares.

ulation of 1.5 million.

**WORLD NEWS BRIEFS** 

Stricter gun control in China

PEKING, May 3 (R) - Peking police have ordered gun owners to

hand in their weapons in the next few days or face severe pun-

ishment. An official notice dated April 25 orders anyone illegally

owning a gun to hand it over in the next 10 days in order to

maintain public order. It said those who did so would not be asked

any questions, and also banned the illegal manufacture of guns.

The notice, seen at Peking University, especially urged young

people including students to relinquish their weapons. The official

radio said the notice was designed to improve social order and

'Great Train Robber' taking it easy

RIO DE JANEIRO, May 3 (R) — British train robber Ronald

Biggs has ruled out speculation that he and his ex-wife. Charmian

Brent, planned to make a fresh start together in Brazil. "She has a

life to live in Australia, she works in Australia, both my sons are

growing up in Australia," he told Reuters in an interview. Mrs.

Brent flew to Rio from Melbourne last Tuesday to meet Mr.

Biggs, who last week escaped extradition from Barbados to finish

a 30-year jail term in Britain. Mrs. Brent and their 14-year-old

son Farley will probably leave for Australia in the next few days, he

said. "It's been pretty good, I've been very happy to see her again,

prevent criminals using guns to carry out sabotage.

current troubles began in 1969.

River Bann.

ween Belfast and Londonderry.

has been restricted.

Meanwhile, the hunger strike of Irish Republican guerrilla Bobby Sands has united the American Irish community in opposition to the British government's tre-Another of the hunger-strikers atment of Irish Republican Army in the Maze prison, Mr. Francis (IRA) prisoners. Hughes, was reported in a serious condition after 49 days without

rallies behind Sands

"Bobby Sands' hunger strike has brought us together like nothing else has in recent years." says Mr. John Thornton, editor of New York City's Irish Echo weekly newspaper.

'We don't usually agree but right now we are incensed. Our community is usually split but Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has done the impossible. She's united us."

The Sands case has brought denunciations of British treatment of IRA prisoners from moderate cardinals, radical priests, Republican activists and the usually apolitical.

New York Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan asked: "How can a man be allowed to die over the minutiae of prison regulations?" The question seems implicit in a groing wave of protest.

There have been calls for boycotts of British Airways and British imports.

The International Longshoremen's Association, the trade union which represents 76,500 East Coast dock workers. is considering a ban on unloading British ships.

Protest demonstrations against British consulates across the United States have increased, and British offices report a rise in the number of bomb threats against

Resolutions have been passed in several state and local assemblies protesting against British treatment of IRA prisoners and calling on Mrs. Thatcher's government to concede their dem-

There are 8,000 military res-The Irish Northern Aid Comervists and 7,500 police in Normittee (NORAID), a group which thern Ireland, which has a popa federal court has ruled is an agent of the IRA, has reported a 1,000 per cent increase in don-

### Poles celebrate 190th year of constitution

WARSAW, May 3 (R) - Poland celebrated the 190th anniversary today of the proclamation of a liberal constitution and for the first time since the communists came to power it was marked by extensive official ceremonies and media coverage.

The short-lived 1791 constitution, an enduring symbol of Polish independence, had until this year been honoured under the communists almost exclusively by the Roman Catholic Church and dissidents.

The communists said after taking power at the end of World War II that the May constitution was a relic of the bourgeois past.

But in keeping with the new political climate in Poland since last summer's labour revolt, the event was marked today with official ceremonies across the country.

The Solidarity free trade union also held a ceremony in Warsaw's Royal Castle, where the constitution has been put on display, and dissidents organised a meeting and a march through the cap-

# Heng Samrin reinstalled

BANGKOK, May 3 (R) - Kampuchean President Heng Samrin was re-elected to the National Assembly in the General election with 99.75 per cent of the vote. Radio Hanoi reported yesterday. The radio, monitored in Ban-

gkok, said Vice-President and Defence Minister Pen Sovan was also re-elected to the assembly with 99.63 per cent of the vote.

It was Kampuchea's first general election since Vietnam's military intervention two years ago which overthrew the Khmer Rouge administration in Phnom Penh and put Heng Samrin in power.

From Phnom Penh, Reuter correspondent Bernard Melunsky reported that the election, denounced as a farce by Kampuchea's non-communist neighbours, appeared to have taken place peacefully.

It was held as the Vietnamesebacked Phnom Penh government. still fighting an estimated 40,000 Khmer Rouge guerrillas, sought

political power.

There were no signs of special security measures in Phnom Penh where posters showed all sections of the community, including monks, peasants and workers, casting their ballots. One slogan read: "To vote is to love the fat-

All 148 candidates for the 117 assembly seats were chosen by the official National United Front for the Salvation of Kampuchea in consultation with "mass organisations" -- similar to the method used in Vietnam which has 200,000 troops in Kampuchea. The election will lead to the enforcement of a new party.

The National Assembly is empowered to select a council, the president of which would also be supreme commander of the armed

Informed sources in Phnom Penh said the assembly would convene within 60 days.

# Czech family defects

VIENNA, May 3 (A.P.) - A Czech family of three, crossing the Czechoslovak-Austrian border in a low-flying crop-duster, early today defected to the West. They asked for political asylum in Austria,

The plane, piloted by Mr. Vaclav Otahal, a 35-year-old agricultural pilot, landed at about 8:30 a.m. (0630 GMT) in a clover field on what used to be a World War II military airfield near Gerasdorf, north of

Gendarmerie said Mr. Otahal, his wife Eva, 24, and his sevenvear-old son Peter, escaped onburt. The plane went unnoticed by Czechoslovak radar surveillance during the 50-minute flight from Vracov in Moravia's Hodonin District, where Mr. Otahal was emoloved with an agricultural cooperative.

After they were questioned by gendarmerie, the family was taken to the Traiskirchen refugee camp south of Vienna. Gendarmerie said their flight was well planned in advance.

### Haig urged to restart arms control talks with Moscow

ROME, May 3 (R) - U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig was urged by European allies today to begin early exploratory talks with Moscow on limiting nuclear missiles.

from all over the map asking how

they can help. Even bar owners in

New York want to stage a two-

hour shutdown of their pubs."

NORAID spokesman Martin

In Washington, the priest who

heads the Irish National Caucus, a

group that lobbies U.S. con-

gressional support for a united Ire-

land, is in the eighth day of a fast

Sands case has galvanised support

in Congress for the Irish cause as

Historically, Americans of Irish

descent -- now numbered at 13

million -- supplied the funds and

in some cases the weapons used in

the fight against British rule which

ended in the 1920s with the cre-

ation of an independent Irish

In recent years, however, the

numbers of Irish-Americans fav-

ouring violence as a means to end

British rule over the six counties

of Northern Ireland have dim-

According to Mr. Thornton,

"The Sands situation, however,

Most Irish Americans would like

the British to leave but they don't

is galvanising opinion. If he dies I

expect there will be a lot of venting

of anger. The American Irish

community is very, very incensed

that the British government is not

American Irish imagination. Peo-

ple may not agree with his politics

but they admire the man's cou-

Bavarian leader

ISLAMABAD, May 3 (R) - Dr.

Franz Josef Strauss, a West Ger-

man opposition leader, said yes-

terday that political and psy-chological pressure on the Soviet

Union must be continued to make

Moscow withdraw its troops from

He told journalists at the end of

a week's visit to Pakistan that if

the free world forgot Afghanistan

there could be similar situations

elsewhere. Dr. Strauss visited an

Afghan refugee camp near Pes-

hawar, capital of the North West

Frontier Province bordering Afg-

He gave the province's military

governor a cheque for 10,000

marks (\$4,500) as a personal don-

Dr. Strauss met President Moh-

ammad Zia-ul-Haq and Foreign

Minister Agha Shahi this week.

He said Pakistan wanted the wit-

hdrawal of the Soviet Troops, res-

toration of Afghanistan's non-

aligned position and an hon-

ourable return home of the ref-

Meanwhile in Moscow, Pravda

denounced Dr. Strauss today for

his visit to Pakistan to meet Afg-

han refugees, and warned that the

Bavarian leader would not suc-

'ceed in creating "provocations

Strzhizhovsky also branded Dr.

Strauss a "Flying Dutchman,"

bent on "rushing wherever rea-

ction raises its head." It said that

at a time when unemployment and

housing shortages are rife in Bav-

aria Dr. Strauss's interest in Afg-

hanistan "by no means testifies to

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no other issue in recent years.

Father Sean McManus said the

outside the British embassy.

Galvin said.

Foreign ministers of the 15nation North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) met Mr. Haig in a series of private meetings to prepare for a twice-yearly NATO conference starting tom-

NATO's European members believe it has now become urgent to reopen U.S.-Soviet negotiations after a two-year standstill that has been marked by a sharp rise in East-West tensions.

The Europeans were asking Mr. Haig to declare U.S. readiness to negotiate mutual limitations on European-based missiles and to set a reasonably clear timetable, senior diplomats said.

Mr. Haig arranged separate meetings with 10 of the foreign ministers attending the two-day session of the Atlantic Council, NATO's highest policy-making

The Western alliance first pro-

posed U.S.-Soviet talks on medium-range missiles nearly 18 months ago as part of a two-track decision that also called for the stationing of U.S. Cruise and Pershing-2 missiles in Western Europe.

Western leaders have warned President Reagan they may face tough opposition from antinuclear campaigners unless the United States is shown to be ready to discuss mutual curbacks

European NATO governments are anxious for negotiations partly to revive East-West contacts and partly in hopes of limiting Soviet SS-20 missiles targetted on Western Europe.

The Reagan administration is reluctant to start talks on only one phase of the arms control complex, and U.S. officials here said there were "differences of emphasis" on timing.

But European diplomats said they believed Mr. Reagan was now willing to yield to European arguments and would probably empower Mr. Haig to begin preliminary soundings with Moscow.

### SPOR'IS ROUNDUP

Aston Villa wins English League ti

LONDON, May 3 (R) - Aston Villa set the champagne popping by winning their first English Football League title 1910 despite a 2-0 away defeat by Arsenal. The victory par set off when Middlesbrough ended the title hopes of Ipswic a 2-1 home victory over the team who had led the First This for most of the season. Aston Villa's match yesterday was last of the season and Ipswich needed to win yesterday and it final game on May 14 to draw level on points and take the tip goal difference. But though Ipswich seemed on the right when Paul Mariner gave them a 35th minute lead, Middlesh came out after the interval determined to hand Ipswich ne and scored twice for a well-deserved upset. Yugoslawi armational Bosco Jankovic shot Middlesbrough level in the minute and, with lpswich pouring every man forward as the ticked away, Jankovic broke free to fire in the winner in the minute. Villa ended their season with 60 points, while Ip have 56 with their last match, at home against Southamptel

### Pleasant Colony bags Kentucky Dea

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky, May 3 (R) — Panamanian Jogge Velasquez weaved second favourite Pleasant Color ough a congested 21-horse field to win the 107th Kentuck first leg of the prestigious triple crown of American thorog racing. Pleasant Colony, starting at seven to two, won the a quarter mile cavalry charge by three-quarters of a length fast finishing outsider Woodchopper, ridden by Edd ahoussaye. The victory gave Pleasant Colony's owner, Vi industrialist Thomas Evans, prize money of \$317,200 fro record \$404,700 purse. Another outsider, partee, Sandy Hav took third place. Jubilant New York trainer John Camit, said; the race watched by 135,000 people at Churchili Downs: been telling everybody this horse was going to win, but thought I was nuts."

### New Zealand one notch up in World C

NANDI, Fiji, May 3 (R) — Striker Brian Turner opened the s in the eighth minute and went on to complete a hat-trick as [ Zealand beat Fiji 4-0 in a world soccer cup qualifying game to New Zealand moved to the top of Asia-Oceania Group One three points having drawn 3-3 with Australia in the only previgroup match. Indonesia and Taiwan still have not played. winners of the group will join China, Kuwait and Saudi Ara who have already qualified, in the playoffs to decide which Asia-Oceania nations go through to the 1982 World Cup final

# Frenzied friar stages hijack and gets caugh

LE TOUQUET, France, May 3 (R) - Para-military police stormed a hijacked Irish airliner with 102 people aboard last night and first reports said no-one was injured, airport officials said. They said the lone hijacker, a former Trappist monk, was soaked in

petrol when taken into custody. The passengers sat for more than eight hours at the end of the

runway after being hijacked during a routine flight from Dublin to The hijacker identified himself as Laurence James Downey, a

monk expelled from a Roman Catholic Trappist monastery in Rome. He had demanded he wanted a statement published in the press and to be flown to Tehran.

Irish Transport Minister Albert Reynolds, who flew to Le Touquet, told a Reuter correspondent the French security forces boarded the plane from the side and rear and the hijacker immediately gave

Mr. Reynolds said the hijacker had an Australian passport which expired in 1978. He had since applied unsuccessfully for Irish nationality.

One of the passengers quoted by French Radio said the hijacker surrendered without a shot being fired. He said earlier reports that the man had a box of explosives were apparently untrue.

Another passenger told Reuters: "He looked like an executive... three minutes before we were due to land in London, he was missing from his seat and then the captain came on the intercom.

"He said: Ladies and gentleman, we would like to land in London but there is a man in the cabin who wants us to go on to Le Touquet." The plane had 113 people aboard when it was hijacked but 11 women and children were freed four-and-a-half hours after it landed

Meanwhile, the hijacker was recalled in Limerick, western Ireland town as an eccentric who had drafted a constitution for Iran. "He may have been trying to reach Iran to present his constitution in person," said one Limerick man who had known Downey. nearly two years. Another Limerick man who knew him well said Downey, agen

lived in the neighbouring town of Shannon from 1979 until late year when he went to live in Dublin.

A good linguist, he ran a language school in Shannon. Police in Shannon said they had been seeking Downey to sersummons on him alleging assault on the husband of a woman'

had worked as a teacher at his school. Local people understood Downey was an Australian who had I grandparents. After being expelled from a Rome monastery he st some years in Australia before coming to Ireland in 1979.

And in Perth, Australia, police said the hijacker is wanted connection with an alleged 70,000 Australian dollar (\$80,000) L fraud, police said here today.

A police spokesman said a warrant for the arrest of the B Laurence James Downey, had been issued in Perth in April He was wanted for questioning about the alleged loss of the ri by a client of a company of which he was a director, the spoke

Downey is a native of Perth. His wife, five grown children a

sister, a Roman Catholic nun, all live in the city. In Rome, the abbot general of the Trappist Order told Reuters! Downey was sent away from the Tre Fontane monastery then 1954 because "he seemed to be a bit mad."

Father Ambrose Southey said Downey was an Australian entered the order over 30 years ago. "But he never completed his training. He was acting strangely and people realised this and

He added: "There was some kind of queer streak in him. I met ! } about 30 years ago. He was known as Lorenzo at the time and n must be in his middle fifties."

# Sense of urgency fading from energy crisis in U.S.

By Alver Carlson

WASHINGTON - Four years after President Carter proposed a major programme to combat what he called a dangerous energy crisis, the sense of urgency has faded in the United States.

Yet most experts believe the U.S. is as vulnerable to an energy shock, whether from a Middle East war or a prolonged U.S. coal strike, as at any time in recent In a televised address four years

ago on April 18, Mr. Carter called his assault on U.S. energy problems the "moral equivalent of He introduced an energy plan

aimed at reducing consumption and increasing domestic production, saying that without these. actions the United States faced " a national catastrophe."
Many of Mr. Carter's proposals

became law after a herculean effort to get them through Congress, an achievement generally recognised as one of the high points of his presidency. But the U.S. still remains heav-

ily dependent on oil from the Middle East, advocates of nuclear energy are largely in retreat, and

any developments that could free the country from its reliance on imported energy are years away. The Reagan administration has

yet to formulate a detailed energy policy, but all indications are that the president prefers to rely on the free market to find and develop new supplies. Shortly after he became pres-

ident last January 20, Mr. Reagan speeded up Mr. Carter's deregulation programme by removing all price controls from domestic On the surface at least, there is.

no obvious reason for the administration to undertake a major effort in the energy area. Imports are running at about 30

per cent below 1979 levels when the U.S. was, at one stage, importing nearly 50 per cent of its oil to satisfy its prodigious needs.

The U.S. is now using about 16 million barrels of oil a day, a sharp decline from more than 20 million barrels a day it was consuming late in 1978 and early 1979.

The reduction reflects the fact that price increases have promoted conservation by consumers while at the same time the U.S. economy is suffering from reces-

The country is also adding to its

strategic petroleum reserve at the recently been shut down rate of 200,000 barrels a day and now has about 120 million barrels stored in underground areas in Louisiana and Texas in case of a major cutoff in imports.

some 750 million barrels set aside. President Reagan has also moved to improve relations with Mexico and Canada, two neighbours rich in energy resources, as a way of reducing

reliance on the Middle East. Americans have been driving less this year and cars, in part because of legislation compelling higher mileage standards, are more fuel efficient.

But the U.S. still remains "at risk," as one government official put it.

Nuclear energy, partly because of the psychological impact of the Three Mile Island nuclear power plant accident in 1979, has received a setback with utility companies scrapping plans to

build new plants. There has been a reduced demand for electricity because consumers, faced with higher bills, have cut down on its use.

Coal development has also been held back by pollution regulations and many U.S. coal fields have

been reduced, the U.S. mush bring in a huge amount of en to keep its transport going in Eventually the U.S. plans to have and cool its homes, and fu industrial boilers. For the time being at least

Even though oil imports

strategic reserves are so low would be virtually useless in event of a serious energy shift government officials say. Reduced oil production cav

by the war between fran and has had little impact in the mainly because the losses been made up by Saudi Aral U.S production, altho

stimulated by a sharp f increase, still continues to fall best stay about even with levels of the recent past. Most experts believe reserves will continue to fall it

years ahead, leaving the coutwo choices: either reduce ( sumption or import more. For these reasons, many exp

are less than happy with the c rent state of public anathy. "The crisis has not really ge away," one official said. "It is s

ply waiting to surprise us again

(Reuter)

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and Farleyof course," Mr. Biggs said. Mrs. Brent, 42, divorced the fugitive robber in 1976, seven years after he abandoned her, Farley and another son in Australia to flee from British detectives. Mr. Biggs, 52, disappeared from Rio last March 16 and reappeared a week later in Barbados saying he had been kidnapped. After more than four weeks in custody on the island, a court rejected British extradition requests and he was freed. He said he had been asked to collaborate in making a film of the alleged kidnapping, "I don't know positively whether I will or not, it's on the cards, it's a strong possibility." He plans to continue living with his six-year-old half-Brazilian son Mike in a smart 29th floor flat overlooking Rio's sugar-loaf rock. Because he arrived under a

### Riots' death toll rises to 11 in India

false name in 1970, he has to report to the police weekly.

NEW DELHI, May 3 (R) - The death toll has risen to 11 in rioting in the northern Indian town of Biharsharif in Bihar State where a curfew was clamped yesterday, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported. The rioting, which was triggered by fighting in a liquor shop, led to the arrest of 175 people, PTI reported, quoting officials who said the situation was now under control. In a fresh incident in the state capital of Patna, police opened fire to disperse a violent crowd of students after a baton charge and use of tear gas failed to disperse them, PTI said. Six injured students and 12 police were admitted to hospital. Near Surat, in the western Indian State of Gujarat, two people were killed and two injured when police opened fire on a violent crowd, PTI also reported. The trouble broke out during a strike organised by traders to protest against alleged harassment by police, PTI said.

### Floods in Ethiopia after 3 years of drought

ADDIS ABABA, May 3 (R) - More than 22,000 people have fled their homes to escape rising flood waters in the Ogaden region, Ethiopian officials said. Col. Belette Ergette, Ethiopia's head of emergency and relief operations, said the Shebelle River had flooded a large area. The town of Kalafo was worst affected, with a bridge washed away and many houses under water. Col. Belette said 16,000 people in Kalafo had been moved to higher ground. He appealed for international aid. To the north-parts of the Digni-Musthale area were submerged by the Shebelle. Some 6,000 people were being moved to nearby hills in helicopters. Further north in the Rifo Valley area floods from the Awash River have submerged settlements. Earlier reports from Somalia said thousands of people there had fled before the sudden floods which ended three years of drought.

# in crop-duster plane